

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 11, and 20, and cancel claims 7 and 16, as set forth in the listing of claims that follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A fuel pump module assembly for a fuel tank in a vehicle comprising:

a reservoir adapted to be disposed in the fuel tank;

a fuel pump disposed in said reservoir to pump fuel from the fuel tank to an engine of the vehicle;

a fuel filter disposed in said reservoir and having an inlet fluidly connected to said fuel pump and having a first outlet fluidly connected to the engine and a second outlet;

a jet pump body coupled to said second outlet and having a jet pump orifice; and

a regulating valve assembly coupled to the jet pump body apart from said jet pump orifice for discharging fuel to said reservoir, whereby the regulating valve controls
~~disposed in said reservoir and fluidly connected to said second outlet to control~~ fuel supply pressure to the engine.

2. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 1 including a cover adapted to close an opening in the fuel tank.

3. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 2 including a check and relief valve assembly disposed above said reservoir and operatively connected to said cover.

4. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 3 wherein said check and relief valve assembly comprises a valve housing having a generally “T” shape.

5. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 4 wherein said check and relief valve assembly comprises a check valve disposed in said valve housing for allowing one-way flow of fuel from said fuel filter to the engine.

6. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 5 wherein said check and relief valve assembly comprises a relief valve disposed in said valve housing above said check valve for allowing one-way flow of fuel from the engine into the fuel tank.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 1 ⁷ including a jet pump barrel extending into a chamber of said reservoir and cooperating with an outlet of said jet pump.

9. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 1 wherein said regulating valve assembly comprises a valve housing having a passageway with a valve seat, a movable regulating valve disposed in said passageway, and a spring disposed in said passageway to urge said regulating valve toward said valve seat.

10. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 1 including a pump retainer disposed in a chamber of said reservoir to support said fuel pump therein.

11. (Currently Amended) A fuel pump module assembly for a fuel tank in a vehicle comprising:

a reservoir adapted to be disposed in the fuel tank and having a chamber therein;

a cover adapted to close an opening in the fuel tank;

a fuel pump disposed in said reservoir to pump fuel from the fuel tank to an engine of the vehicle;

a fuel filter disposed in said reservoir and having an inlet, a first outlet, and a second outlet;

a first conduit interconnecting said fuel pump and said inlet of said fuel filter;

a second conduit operatively interconnecting said first outlet of said fuel filter and said cover;

a jet pump disposed in said reservoir and fluidly connected to said second outlet, said jet pump comprising a jet pump orifice for discharging fuel to fill said reservoir with fuel; and

a regulating valve disposed in said reservoir and connected to said jet pump and fluid connected to said second outlet apart from said jet pump orifice to discharge by-pass fuel to said reservoir and thereby control fuel supply pressure.

12. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 11 including a check and relief valve assembly disposed above said reservoir and operatively connected to said cover.

13. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 12 wherein said check and relief valve assembly comprises a valve housing having a generally “T” shape.

14. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 13 wherein said check and relief valve assembly comprises a check valve disposed in said valve housing for allowing one-way flow of fuel from said fuel filter to the engine.

15. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 14 wherein said check and relief valve assembly comprises a relief valve disposed in said valve housing above said check valve for allowing one-way flow of fuel from the engine into the fuel tank.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 11 ~~46~~ including a jet pump barrel extending into said chamber and cooperating with said outlet.

18. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 11 wherein said regulating valve comprises a valve housing having a passageway with a valve seat, a movable valve member disposed in said passageway, and a spring disposed in said passageway to urge said valve member toward said valve seat.

19. (Original) A fuel pump module assembly as set forth in claim 11 including a pump retainer disposed in said chamber to support said fuel pump therein.

20. (Currently Amended) A fuel tank assembly for a vehicle comprising:

- a fuel tank;
- a reservoir adapted to be disposed in the fuel tank and having a chamber therein;
- a cover adapted to close an opening in the fuel tank;
- a fuel pump disposed in said reservoir to pump fuel from the fuel tank to an engine of the vehicle;
- a fuel filter disposed in said reservoir and having an inlet, a first outlet, and a second outlet, said inlet being fluidly connected to said fuel pump;
- a jet pump disposed in said reservoir and fluidly connected to said second outlet, said jet pump comprising a jet pump orifice for discharging fuel to fill said reservoir with fuel;
- a regulating valve disposed in said reservoir and connected to said jet pump and fluidly connected to said second outlet apart from the jet pump orifice to discharge bypass fuel to said reservoir and thereby control fuel supply pressure; and
- a check and relief valve assembly disposed above said reservoir and operatively connected to said cover, said check and relief valve assembly comprising a check valve for allowing one-way flow of fuel from said fuel filter to the engine and a relief valve disposed above said check valve for allowing one-way flow of fuel from the engine into the fuel tank.